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For: INHIBITORS OF CELLULLOLYTIC, XYLANOLYTIC AND
BETA-GLUCANOLYTIC ENZYMES

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December 17, 2002

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 15, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the due date having been extended up to and including January 16, 2002, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 1-47, without prejudice.

Add the following claims:

--48 (new). An isolated proteinic or glycoprotein inhibitor of xylanase, which inhibitor is a water-soluble, alkaline protein or glycoprotein, which protein or glycoprotein has a pI of greater than about 7.0, and has a molecular weight of about 40-43 kDa as measured by SDS-PAGE.